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TIPS FOR POSITIVE SPORTING BEHAVIOUR

Poor spectator behaviour at junior sport impacts on everyone. Your local junior sports club is part of a campaign to promote positive spectator behaviour to remind people that sport should be about enjoyment and having fun.

Here are some handy tips on how to be a good role model and positive spectator at your kids' junior sport games – “Encourage the Kids, Support the Game”!

Everyone's a winner

- Make sure kids are encouraged no matter how they play or whatever the result - cheer the good plays and ignore the mistakes.

Encourage fair play

- As a parent, you are your child's best role model for teaching them to play fair. Reinforce and encourage fair play at all times.

Keep your cool

- Keep your passion for sport under control - don't let it get too heated, remember that your words and actions have an impact on your kids.
- Poor behaviour is unacceptable. Help create a positive environment by being supportive.

Dealing with incidents

- Never approach an official directly. If you have an issue, you should raise it in a calm and controlled manner with the coach or a club administrator.

Show respect

- Officials, referees and umpires do their best to make sure play is fair so respect their decisions.
- Coaches, team managers and volunteers are essential; without them there won't be a sporting experience for the players, so show them respect.

Upholding the Code of Conduct

- It is important you understand and uphold the Code of Conduct. The club is entitled to enforce this code - it is there to ensure players receive maximum benefit and enjoyment from the game.

